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SUBJECT: MEK DETAINEES: TURKEY NONCOMMITTAL, CONSIDERING
WHETHER TO SEND TEAM TO CAMP ASHRAF

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(U) Classified by Political-Military Counselor Timothy A.
Betts. Reasons 1.4 b and d.

¶1. (C) PolMilOff and ConOff delivered Reftel demarche along with list of names of MEK detainees claiming ties to Turkey to MFA Iraq Department Head Serra Kileli June 1. Kileli said she would circulate the information to the relevant GOT authorities (MFA Terrorism, Refugee and Immigration Departments and the Ministry of Interior) without editorial comment and seek their views. However, she said that personally, she doubted Turkey would choose to send a team to visit Camp Ashraf based on such sparse and vague information. She added that someone in the GOT might know something about one or more of the individuals or a decision might be made to look into the cases on humanitarian grounds, but she was skeptical. Kileli said she would try to get a definitive answer to us as soon as possible.

¶2. (U) Baghdad minimize considered.

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